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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bourne, would you...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...strictly for clarification.

SENATOR CUDABACK: ...yield?

SENATOR BOURNE: Certainly.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Bourne, in line 8 are the words "or otherwise acquire." Do those words mean other than by retail purchase? Is that the intent?

SENATOR BOURNE: Well, it could be that, Senator Chambers, or it actually could...I would interpret it to say it could be a theft.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It could be what?

SENATOR BOURNE: It could be a theft.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: A theft.

SENATOR BOURNE: Acquiring.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So then you get charged with a theft plus having stolen more than this amount or if you steal less than this amount it is not a crime. And I'm not being facetious, by the way; it might sound like it.

SENATOR BOURNE: Well, again, Senator Chambers, I have looked over this a number of times, and I really hadn't considered, I mean, what you're saying there. I mean "otherwise acquire," how else would you, other than purchasing or receiving, how else would you otherwise acquire it? I would say that theft could be included in that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But when they say "by retail, purchase,...

SENATOR SCHIMEK PRESIDING

SENATOR SCHIMEK: One minute.